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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR BENNETT
IN EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF REPLY TO LIBYAN STATEMENT, AFTERNOON
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QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE MERELY A BRIEF COMMENT ON A RATHER

PERIPHERAL SUBJECT WHICH WAS RAISED, AS HE SAID, IN A PERSONAL CAPACITY BY THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBYA.

I APPRECIATE THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE'S SYMPATHY AND REGARD THAT HE EXPRESSED FOR GOVERNOR SCRANTON, AND I AM SURE THAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON WOULD WISH TO RECIPROCATATE. BUT I AM DISTRESSED AT THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE'S EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOME OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S STATEMENT WHICH HE THEN PROCEEDED TO QUOTE--BUT WHICH HE QUOTED ONLY IN PART.

NOW, SINCE THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE IS FLUENT IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH, I THINK HE MIGHT HAVE READ THE ENGLISH TEXT A LITTLE MORE CAREFULLY. PERHAPS THEN HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO DISAPPOINTED, ALTHOUGH EVEN THEN HE MIGHT NOT HAVE AGREED WITH IT. IN SHORT, MR. PRESIDENT, I CANNOT ACCEPT A SITUATION UNDER WHICH THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE QUOTES ONLY PARTS OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S REMARKS, AND THUS MISQUOTES THEM, AND THUS MAKES A FALSE POINT. AND SINCE I WOULD NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE WOULD WILLFULLY MISQUOTE GOVERNOR SCRANTON, PERHAPS I CAN BEST SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNCIL BY READING THE FULL TEXT OF THE PERTINENT PORTION OF THOSE REMARKS. I QUOTE FROM GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S STATEMENT OF JULY 12:

"ISRAEL'S ACTION IN RESCUING THE HOSTAGES NECESSARILY INVOLVED A TEMPORARY BREACH OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF UGANDA." NOW, THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE MAKES MUCH OF THAT CONCESSION, WHICH IS A STATEMENT OF FACT THAT WE HAVE ALL AGREED TO HERE--THAT THERE WAS A BREACH OF TERRITORIAL INTERGRITY. BUT HE DEPARTED FROM THE STATEMENT THERE. THE REST OF THAT PART OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: "NORMALLY, SUCH A BREACH WOULD BE IMPERMISSIBLE UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A WELL-ESTABLISHED RIGHT TO USE LIMITED FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ONE'S OWN NATIONALS FROM AN IMMINENT THREAT OF INJURY OR DEATH IN A SITUATION WHERE THE STATE IN WHOSE TERRITORY THEY ARE LOCATED EITHER IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO PROTECT THEM. THE RIGHT, FLOWING FROM THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE, IS LIMITED TO SUCH USE OF FORCE AS IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT THREATENED NATIONALS FROM INJURY. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT TO PROTECT NATIONALS WERE CLEARLY MET IN THE ENTEBBE CASE."
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